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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR AEROFLOT CREWMEN

REF: A) MOSCOW 8950 (NOTAL), B. MOSCOW 3861

1. SOVIET EMBASSY SENT BY MESSENGER APRIL 24 DIPLOMATIC
NOTE REQUESTING AEROFLOT CREWMEN BE GRANTED VISAS VALID
FOR CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES AND SEATTLE. FULL TEXT OF SOVIET
NOTE FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS, REFERRING TO THE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE US OF 1966, WITH AMENDMENTS CON-
TAINED IN THE PROTOCOL OF JUNE 23, 1973, ADVISES THE DEPART-
MENT OF STATE OF THE FOLLOWING.

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3. "IT IS KNOWN THAT VISAS FOR CREW MEMBERS AND MAINTEN-
ANCE PERSONNEL ARE ISSUED BY THE US SIDE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 9, PARAGRAPH 3, OF THAT AGREEMENT.
THESE VISAS INDICATE THAT THE ONLY POINTS OF ENTRY INTO THE
TERRITORY OF THE US ARE NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON.

4. "AT THE SAME TIME, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROTOCOL RECORD OF THE VERBAL AGREEMENT REGARDING

ASSISTANCE TO CHARTER FLIGHTS, OF JUNE 22, 1973, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF WHICH WAS EXTENDED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON MARCH 3, 1978, THE DESIGNATED SOVIET AIRLINE INTENDS TO OPERATE DURING THE 1978 SUMMER TRAFFIC SEASON A SERIES OF CHARTER FLIGHTS TO CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES AND SEATTLE, WHICH WILL BE THE POINTS OF FIRST LANDING IN THE TERRITORY OF THE US. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE OPERATION OF THESE CHARTER FLIGHTS, AS IT ENSUES FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED PROTOCOL RECORD, THE SOVIET SIDE ASKS THE US AUTHORITIES TO PERMIT THE REQUIRED SOVIET PERSONNEL OF THE DESIGNATED AIRLINE TO ENTER US TERRITORY AT CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES AND SEATTLE,

5. "LANDING REQUESTS FOR SOVIET AIRCRAFT IN REGIONS CLOSED TO SOVIET CITIZENS IN THE US WILL BE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S NOTE OF OCTOBER 3, 1975. UNQUOTE

6. WE WILL OF COURSE INFORM YOU OF OUR RESPONSE. VANCE

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